

Minutes of
CEDAR CITY VALLEY PUMPERS MEETING
Oct. 27, 1961 - Courthouse
Cedar City, Utah

General Business

The meeting was called to order by Hubert C. Lambert, Deputy State Engineer of Utah, at 8 p.m. Mr. Lambert explained that the purpose of this meeting of the Cedar City Valley Pumpers Association with representatives of the state engineer was for information and planning toward establishing distribution on the wells of the Cedar City Valley area. He pointed out that the meeting had been called by the well owners, and it was his understanding that they would wish to become a part of the Coal Creek Distribution System or to be established under some other name. He suggested that the first part of the meeting be one of procedure and that it was open to any and all questions by the water users.

Mr. Lambert pointed out that meters on the wells would be the first understanding that must be reached, and that the water users had ample time to install these water measuring devices prior to the 1962 irrigation season. He stated that no water would be allowed to be pumped from wells without meters once distribution has begun. A suggestion was made that the well owners act as a group in making these installations and possibly approaching the S.C.S. for assistance. It was his understanding that once the measuring devices were ordered through court action or a directive from his office that the S.C.S. would not be able to participate in the cost sharing program with A.S.C. funds.

Mr. Lambert stated that meters are a must in well water distribution, and it is the only fair way of keeping account of water use and water rights. He doubted whether distribution could be during the 1962 season. He suggested that this period be used as a fact finding phase directed toward gathering the best and first real record of pumpage in Cedar City Valley.

He said that the 3 acre feet per acre which had been suggested for the Cedar City Valley area was perhaps a little low to meet irrigation requirements, and that this data collected from the meters would provide the foundation for a more realistic acre-foot-per-acre figure. He said that an accurate record was needed for any temporary approval from the court to exceed 3 acre-feet per acre. He cautioned however against the excessive use of well water to try to show a higher consumptive use requirement. Any modification, he pointed out, would be made in the light of factual consumptive use requirements and not on pumpage alone.

SURFACE AND UNDERGROUND WATER

Mr. Lambert discussed the interdependence of the surface and underground water supplies, and said that one could not be divorced from the other on any practical distribution basis. The wells depend on surface runoff for recharging their water supply, and the surface water rights depend upon the water table recharge and sustaining water levels to prevent seepage into the groundwater reservoir.

It was pointed out that this first year of regulation or observation would be fact gathering and that the water users would not be charged for the ad-

ministrative services that would benefit both the pumpers and the state engineer's office. He said that this distribution should be taken over by the water users at the beginning of the 1963 irrigation season, and that they would be assessed on some equitable basis to cover the distribution costs.

1962 ADMINISTRATION

Mr. Lambert charged Dee Hansen, district engineer at Cedar City, with the direct responsibility of seeing that the meters are put on the wells and that a record is kept of the water pumped for the 1962 season. He suggested that those water users who needed assistance in any way contact Mr. Hansen at the State Engineer's Cedar City Office, and that the Salt Lake office would be available for assistance in any special cases.

Proper measuring devices would have to be maintained on the surface water diversions, and these control structures would have to be brought in line with the rigid administration that is placed on well distribution. Mr. Lambert stated that this administration would not cover domestic and stockwatering wells until the problem of regulation on the irrigation wells and surface rights is worked out to the satisfaction of the water users and the state engineer.

It has been felt that this problem of regulating the use of water in the entire Coal Creek-Cedar City Valley drainage has been coming for the past 3 or 4 years. Mr. Lambert said that many adjustments must be made in the water rights to bring the Cedar City Valley Adjudication up to date. He advised the water users to contact Mr. Hansen, and to assist him in making these adjustments where they are needed. The water users have all winter to contact Mr. Hansen relative to their water rights, and no real check on the adjudication book has been made since it was issued. He cautioned the water users to see that the adjudication was right and brought up to date. He said that all rights would be treated fairly..no more, no less. Strict distribution would begin in 1963 and would be handled with the same strict adherence to water rights as is regulated in the Escalante Valley.

A question was raised concerning the wells in the Rush Lake area, and if they were required to meter these isolated pump areas. Mr. Lambert said that all wells which in effect draw from the Cedar City Valley underground reservoir should have meters and be regulated. He said that there may be a few special cases which will have to be brought to the attention of the water users before any action is taken.

CERTIFICATES AND ELECTIONS

Many of the well owners expressed concern over the cost of getting a qualified engineer to come into the pump area to make proof on the wells for certificate purposes. They said that the cost was extremely high, approximately \$100.00 per day, and that they were still unable to interest the few engineers in the southern Utah region for an active program in developing these proofs before the due dates. They explained that this was the reason for the great many requests for extensions of time. The water users requested that the court be approached or petitioned to allow elections to be filed in Cedar City Valley so that they might file an election in lieu of making proof. Mr. Lambert stated that the idea had a lot of merit and that his office would do whatever it could to assist the water users in obtaining permission to file elections.

The meeting was then turned over to the well owners to discuss their problems for acquiring the meters and in forming some type of organization to see that the job of installing the meters was accomplished.

Representatives of several meter companies were present and they submitted proposals and bids on the entire meter projects. It was pointed out that volume buying and volume maintenance would be the best financial procedure.

This problem of acquiring the meters and installing them was left up to the water users. They were instructed to contact Mr. Hansen and to have the meters installed on the irrigation wells prior to the 1962 irrigation season.

PUMPER EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE

The water users appointed John Beal, president, and Fernleigh Gardner, secretary, of the Cedar City Valley Pumpers Association, for 1962.

A meeting of the well owners was held at this time. Secretary Lehi M. Jones called the meeting to order, with John Beal, president, presiding.

The results of this meeting were that the water users, or well owners, would act as a group to secure the meters and to install them before the 1962 irrigation season, and that they would plan to establish themselves as a distribution system or to join with the Coal Creek Distribution System to form the Cedar City Valley Distribution System.

The following is a list of those who were present at the meeting:

Hubert C. Lambert, Deputy State Engineer
Clarence E. Erickson, Jr., Distribution Engineer
Dee Hansen, District Engineer, Cedar City State Engineer's Office.
Jim Edwards, assistant engineer, Cedar City Office.
Virginia Wood, secretary, Cedar City Office.

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John Beal	270 S. 300 W.	"
Jerry Bryant	Box 90 R#1	"
Alex B. Williams	327 S. 700 W.	"
Lehi M. Jones	306 S. 700 W.	"
Henry B. Heaton	Box 79 R#1	"
Dr. J. S. Prestwich MD	23 W. Center	"
Garth Sherratt	Box 80	"
Conrad Bauer	388 S. 100 W.	"
Maurice Vandenberghe	Box 339	"
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